

Margie's Quilts of Hope

Quilters working together to raise funds to support research into the early detection, treatment and eventual cure of breast cancer.

"The beautiful people behind Margie's Quilts of Hope lovingly bind together faith, hope and love and wrap it all in the shape of beautiful quilts. I have seen for myself the way they wrap their hearts around people whose lives have been affected by breast cancer. Their warm and loving embrace in the shape of a quilt, but really the warmth comes from their hearts. Please support Margie's Quilts of Hope and feel the warmth for yourself."

- Gina Jeffreys, Patron

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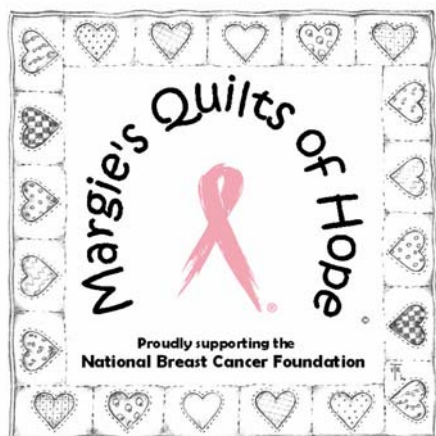
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2008 Challenge Starter Kit

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Margie's Quilts of Hope 2008

Challenge Categories

Theme: Hopes and Dreams

Category 1: Blocks -18 years and under

Prizes in each of these sub-categories are:
\$150 first place / \$75 second place

Block size: 10 ½" x 10 ½" unfinished
10" x 10" finished

Any construction technique may be used to create the block in the 18 and under block categories (e.g.: pieced, embroidered, appliqué, blanket stitch by hand or machine), but must be done solely by the entrant. These blocks are not to be quilted.

- 1a. Up to 10 years of age
- 1b. 10 to 14 years of age
- 1c. 14 to 18 years of age

Category 2: Blocks -18 years and above

Prizes in each of these sub-categories are:
\$150 first place / \$75 second place

Block size: 10 ½" x 10 ½" unfinished
10" x 10" finished

Construction techniques are sub-category specific. These blocks are not to be quilted.

2a. Pieced

Either by hand or machine

2b. Traditional Hand Applique

All appliqué edges are to be turned under and stitched by hand to the background fabric.

2c. Naïve Hand Applique

Appliqué pieces can be affixed to the background with or without fusible webbing using any embroidery stitches done by hand.

2d. Hand Embroidery

Design is stitched onto the background using any embroidery stitches done by hand.

2e. Machine Applique/Embroidery

Any fancy stitch, including the satin or blanket stitch or any machine embroidery or free form embroidery design may be used to affix the appliqué pieces to the background fabric.

Category 3: Mini Quilt

Prize in each of these sub-categories is:
\$1000 first place

Quilt Size: The completed quilt is to be no smaller than 36" and no larger than 55" on any side. The quilt can be square, rectangular or have shaped edges within the size limitations. The quilt must be done solely by the entrant.

Any construction technique, block size or setting may be used to create the quilt in this category. The quilt must be finished by quilting through the top, wadding and backing by hand or machine, completely bound, a label and a 4" rod pocket or other means of hanging the quilt attached.

3a. Non Professional

3b. Professional

For purposes here, a professional quilter is defined as someone who teaches or publishes in the quilting field; who sells, designs or participates in the making of quilts for financial gain; or who has won any monetary prizes in any judged competition. Having once exhibited as a professional, amateur status cannot be resumed.

Category 4: Group Quilt

Prize in this category:
\$2000 first place

Quilt Size: The completed quilt must be no smaller than 60" x 85".

This category is for groups of 2 or more people. All participants in this category must sign the entry form and designate a single person to accept the prize money.

Any construction technique, block size or setting may be used to create the quilt in this category. The quilt must be finished by quilting through the top, wadding and backing by hand or machine, completely bound, a label acknowledging everyone who worked on the quilt and a 4" rod pocket or other means of hanging the quilt attached.

Judge's Special Award of Merit

This award may be given at the discretion of the judges.

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Challenge Rules

Thank you for participating in this year's challenge and for helping to raise funds for cancer research.

If you choose to participate in the competition and have your entry judged, please read all the rules carefully and choose the category you wish to enter.

This year there is over \$5000 in prizes.

Theme and Design: The theme for 2008 is **Hopes and Dreams**. Design your block interpreting this theme. Margie's Quilts of Hope supports Australian copyright laws and encourages original works. Please respect the works of others and ask their permission before using their designs or patterns and acknowledge them on your entry form.

Fabric: The fabrics for the 2008 challenge are from the **Seems Like Old Times, Sweet Bed of Roses and Verandah** ranges which are a part of Northcott's "Quest For A Cure" fabrics.

All fabrics used in this challenge must be Northcott fabrics. Any Northcott fabric from any of the previous ranges can be used in your block or quilt. Use of fabrics other than Northcott will automatically disqualify the entry from judging. To qualify for judging, at least **50% of the two pieces of fabric from this kit must be used in the top layer of your entry.**

If the reverse side of a fabric is used or tiny pieces, ruching, gathering, heavy stitching, texturing or heavy painting techniques make it difficult to identify the fabric as Northcott, then a sample of the fabric must be attached to the entry form.

Northcott Quest For A Cure Fabric:

Northcott Silk Inc., Canada through their Australian distributors, Lloyd Curzon Textiles, has donated the fabrics and Lloyd Curzon had donated the printing for this **FREE** starter kit.

When you purchase any of these fabrics, either for the challenge or for your personal use, a percentage of the sales in Australia go towards breast cancer research in Australia. Please support their generosity by purchasing Quest For A Cure fabrics.

Size: Your entry must comply with the size stipulations of the category you have chosen to enter. **If the entry is larger than or smaller than the designated sizes, the entry will be disqualified.**

Techniques: Refer to the category you have chosen to enter for the acceptable techniques for that category. Work on the entry including piecing, appliqué, embellishing, quilting, and / or binding, must be solely that of the entrant (except in the group categories). Any child's entry must be solely the work of the child.

Embellishments: Fusible webbing, such as Vliesofix, may be used. Northcott fabrics must be easily recognizable under any embellishments, such as lace, beads, buttons, threadwork or overlay of sheer fabrics. Glue is unacceptable and will disqualify the entry.

Completed Quilts: A completed quilt is defined as a top layer, wadding and backing quilted through by hand or machine, completely bound and a label and a 4" rod pocket or other means of hanging the quilt attached.

Professional Entries: For purposes here, a professional quilter is defined as someone who teaches or publishes in the quilting field; who sells, designs or participates in the making of quilts for financial gain; or who has won any monetary prizes in any judged competition. Having once exhibited as a professional, amateur status cannot be resumed.

Closing Date: All entries must be received at a participating independent quilt shop or posted to Margie's Quilts of Hope by August 1, 2008.

Judging: Winners will be announced in Toowoomba on Friday, September 19, 2008 and contacted by the organizers within seven days. All entries submitted for judging will be exhibited at Quiltfest sponsored by Quilters World September 20 - 23, 2008 as well as posted on the Margie's Quilts of Hope website.

All entries become the property of Margie's Quilts of Hope. By signing your entry form you give Margie's Quilts of Hope the right to photograph or permit to be photographed and publish in any form any and all items you submit to Margie's Quilts of Hope.



Margie's of Hope
2008 Entry Form
"Hopes and Dreams"



This form must be completed for all entries, whether unjudged or judged for competition.
Please print clearly.

Surname _____ First Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Postal Code _____
 Email _____ Phone _____
 Name of the shop where you collected your Starter Kit: _____

Is your entry to be judged? Is your entry not to be judged? If left undesignated, entries will not be judged.

If your entry is to be judged, please tick the category you are entering:

Category 1: Blocks 18 years old and under up to 10 years old 10 - 14 years old 14 - 18 years old

Category 2: Blocks 18 years and above Pieced Traditional Hand Appliqué
 Naïve hand appliqué Hand Embroidery
 Machine Applique / Embroidery

Category 3: Mini Quilt Non Professional Professional

Category 4: Group Quilt
 Name of the person designated to accept the prize money _____

Copyright: If the design or pattern you have used in the construction of your block is not your own original design and comes from a book, pattern, magazine, the internet or other published source, please acknowledge the copyright owner and/or source here: _____

By signing below, you certify you have permission to use designs or patterns that are not your original work.

In 25 words or less, tell us what inspired you to participate in this year's challenge, "Hopes and Dreams".

Please sign and date this form, verifying you have followed all of the rules of this challenge, including using only Northcott Fabrics and that you understand and accept that your entry becomes the property of Margie's Quilts of Hope and that Margie's Quilts of Hope or its representatives may photograph or permit to be photographed and publish any and all items submitted to them.

Signature _____

Date _____

Please attach a sample of any fabrics used in your block or quilt that would be difficult to identify at Northcott Fabrics due to the size of the piece of fabric or any manipulation of the fabric, such as ruching, gathering, heavy stitching, texturing or heavy painting.